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**Re: Final Notification for Lead Testing at your Property**

Dear Property Owner/Resident,

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to announce that the remediation goals for the Lake County Community Health Program (LCCHP)/ Kids First have been met for all residential areas of the California Gulch Superfund Site.

**The purpose of this letter is to provide notification to all property owners and residents within eligible residential areas of the California Gulch Superfund Site that June 9th is the final deadline to request lead testing at your property at no cost under the current LCCHP/Kids First program, and remediation should it be necessary.**

The LCCHP has been a voluntary program designed to reduce children's exposure to lead (please see enclosed brochure). Enrollment in the LCCHP will be open to residents and property owners within the eligible residential Superfund area (the orange-shaded areas on the enclosed map) until June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Having your property tested for lead, and remediated if necessary, is an effective way to reduce potential environmental sources of lead exposure, both for current and future residents. **If you would like to participate, you must contact the Kids First office at 130 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 719-486-3538, by June 9th, 2006, 5:00 pm – Mountain Standard Time.** Initiation and completion of investigations and remediations are dependent on when we are able to access the LCCHP trust fund and the number of properties that sign up in this final enrollment period. It is possible that delays could be experienced since this trust fund has been impacted by Asarco's bankruptcy.

After this final enrollment period, the LCCHP will transition into a modified lead risk reduction program designed to help maintain the progress made in reducing children's blood lead levels in Lake County. The modified program will likely continue the blood lead monitoring program for young children and pregnant and nursing mothers; provide education to minimize exposure to lead; and include investigations of properties with young children. A work plan is being developed to define the scope and specifics of the modified program and once the draft work plan is complete, EPA will announce a formal comment period to allow the public the opportunity to review and provide comments on the plan. Additional information on where to obtain a copy of the work plan will be forthcoming.

Again, you must contact the Kids First office at 719-486-3538 by June 9th, 2006, 5:00 pm – Mountain Standard Time, if you wish to participate in the current LCCHP before it is modified.

Regards,

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